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**ACTION MEMORANDUM**  
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JUN 29 1989

TO: The Secretary *Rich*  
FROM: EAP - Richard Solomon  
SUBJECT: Letter to PRC National People's Congress Standing  
Committee Chairman Wan Li

### ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether to sign the attached thank you letter to Wan Li.

## ESSENTIAL FACTORS

- o Chairman Wan presented you with a large blue and white Chinese vase and your wife with a length of gold silk brocade cloth during his recent visit to the United States.
- o A brief reply acknowledging the gifts is appropriate. In view of the subsequent assault on Tiananmen Square, we believe the reply should be polite but terse.

## RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached thank you letter addressed to Chairman Wan Li.

Attachment:  
Thank you letter.

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RETURN TO: S/S-S  
WITH CORRECTED COPY

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style paras*

Dear Chairman Wan:

I would like to thank you for the lovely blue and white vase. My wife Susan wishes to thank you as well for the beautiful piece of gold silk brocade which you gave her.

I was glad to see you here in Washington and am sorry that events in Beijing prevented you from completing your planned visit.

I hope that you and I both will find other opportunities in the future to work for improved Sino-American relations.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Baker, III

His Excellency  
Wan Li,  
Chairman of the Standing Committee  
of the National People's Congress  
of the People's Republic of China,  
Beijing.

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